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THE OBSERVATOR.

More Arguments to prove, that the French *King has Encouragement from ſome among us, to attempt a new Invaſion, according to the Lord* Haverſham's *Speech. A farther Account of the riotous and ſeditious Proceedings of the* Jacobites *and Papiſts in the* North *of* Scotland. *The Church of* England *vindicated from the* Rehearſer's *Slander, as if they were Men of arbitrary Principles, and underſtood Paſſive-Obedience in his Senſe.*

From Saturday, January 22. to Wednesday, January 26. 1709.

Country-m. I Muſt deſire ſome more of your Thoughts on my Lord *Haverſham*'s Speech, Maſter, particularly on the reſt of his Lorſhip's Arguments to prove, that the *French* King has more Encouragement to renew the Attempt of invading us, than he had at firſt to undertake it; for I think you made it very plain laſt Time, that his firſt Argument was undeniable, *viz.* That the *French* King's chief Dependance was upon the Encouragement and Promiſes of Aſſiſtance he had from hence.

Obſ. We need not fear Want of Proof, *Roger.* Our Friend the *Rehearſer*, who you know is very good Evidence, is always at hand to help us out. You may remember, the Lords, in their Addreſs to the Queen on Account of the Invaſion, charg'd thoſe among us, who are of arbitrary Principles and reſtleſs Paſſions, to be the Perſons who muſt have given Encouragement to the Invaſion; and the *Rehearſer*, in his Paper of Saturday laſt, makes their Number prodigious; for he boldly aſſerts, that there's not a Man who has *one Drachm of Church Blood in him*, but what is of arbitrary Principles; and ſays, That if my Propoſal of a Teſt to oblige Men of arbitrary Principles, either to renounce 'em, or quit their Poſts in Church and State, take, it would be a thorough Reformation; for every one of the Clergy of *England* muſt go out.

Country-m. Bleſs me, Maſter, Church Blood! what does he mean by that? 'Tis a new Phraſe; I never heard it before. I always thought his Church a bloody one; and that made her Complexion reſemble that of the Scarlet-colour'd Whore. But I think he does his Church no Kindneſs, to confeſs ſo much.

Obſ. He can't help it, poor Man. You know, another Advocate of the Party told us in their Church Memorial, That when High-Church was touch'd, *Nature would rebel againſt Principle*; which was threatning her Majeſty with a Rebellion, becauſe of ſome Changes then made in the Miniſtry, which that Party took to be to their Diſadvantage; and you know, there have been ſome Changes of that ſame Sort made not long ago; ſo that we have no Reaſon to doubt, but the Nature of the *Rehearſer*'s Church, is in a terrible Ferment. She's certainly ill of a malignant Fever, her Pulſe beats ſo high, and her Countenance looks ſo fiery; for, beſides what Arguments we have to prove it in *England*, the Letters we mention'd in our laſt from *Scotland*, is enough to convince us, that the Church Blood he talks of, is boiling over; for her true Sons, the *Jacobites* and Papiſts there, fly openly in the Face of her Majeſty's Proclamations and Laws, mob the eſtabliſh'd Miniſters, and have declar'd open War againſt Gentlemen of the Revolution Intereſt, in ſo much, that one of thoſe Sons, a Man in an eminent Poſt there, has threaten'd all thoſe who appear'd at a late Election in that Country for a Perſon of Quality, who is known to be firm to her Majeſty's Title and Intereſt, and the *Hannover* Succeſſion, and particularly that he will ſweep one Family, which is of great Note and Intereſt in the *North* of *Scotland*, with a Beſom.

Country-m. That's fine Doings indeed, Maſter. The Freedom of Elections is like to be well ſecur'd at that Rate. I hope our Commons will take ſuch Practices into Conſideration.

Obſ. There are *Scots* Lords and Commons too here, *Roger*, who can juſtify the Truth of theſe Things. Her Majeſty's own immediate Vaſſals in that Part of the Country, have felt the Effect of that Perſon's Reſentments and Oppreſſion; and no longer ago than *December* laſt, exhibited Complaints of Part of it to the Barons of the *Exchequer* in *Scotland*; but what Redreſs they are like to have, Time muſt determine, tho' there's but ſmall Hopes of Relief, while ſuch a Man continues in her Majeſty's immediate Service, and is allow'd to wear a Scarlet Gown, which has been formerly dipt in the Blood of thoſe who oppos'd arbitrary Principles and Practices; and the High-Church Blood runs ſtill ſo high in his Veins. The Clan to which he is related, which has a Papiſt for their Chief, has all along been, for the moſt part, Enemies to the Proteſtant Intereſt, and the Liberties of their Country, and is now under the Conduct of Perſons notoriouſly diſaffected, who countenance Prieſts and Jeſuits, and *Jacobite* Intruders.

Country-m. That's a Proof with a Vengeance, Maſter, of what my Lord *Haverſham* ſays, that the *French* King has more Encouragement to invade us, than when he attempted it laſt Year. I perceive it is not without good Ground, that ſome People have expreſs'd their Apprehenſions of late, of a new Invaſion deſign'd on *Scotland*.

Obſ. There's but too much Ground for it, *Roger*, ſince 'tis true, as my Lord *Haverſham* ſays, *That notwithſtanding all our Enquiries, 'tis as great a Myſtery to this Day, as it was, who the Perſons among us are, that were concern'd in this black and unnatural Treaſon.* We may remember, that a Proclamation was iſſu'd laſt Year, for apprehending *Ogilvy* of *Boyn*, that landed there from on Board the Pretender's Fleet. This was one who has many Drachms of High-Church Blood in his Veins, yet we have never heard of his being diſcover'd; nor is it probable he ſhould, while a Majority of ſuch Men as we mention'd in our laſt, are Juſtices of Peace there, while Men of the ſame Stamp are Sheriffs, who ſuffer diſaffected Perſons to be in Arms to overawe Elections, and connive at the rabbling of the eſtabliſh'd Miniſters by Papiſts, Tinkers, and *Jacobite* Mobs, and proſecute honeſt Juſtices of the Peace, for endeavouring to diſperſe thoſe riotous Fellows, as if they were the Rioters themſelves, and ſend them and their Followers to Priſon, if they don't give 5000 *l.* Sterling Bail to anſwer it, as they treated that worthy Gentleman, Sir *Robert Munro*, of *Foulis*, for acting as a Juſtice of Peace, in opening the Church-doors at *Dingwall*, for a Miniſter ſent thither by the Presbytry, according to Law, to ſupply a vacant Church there, and for protecting him from the Inſults of a Popiſh and *Jacobite* Mob, who came to murder him; and for that End, preſented Piſtols to have fir'd upon him in the Pulpit; and had certainly done it, had not Sir *Robert*

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and his Friends prevented it; for which, he and they were, instead of being supported in the Execution of the Law, barbarously mobb'd, to the Effusion of Blood; and had not he, and the Gentlemen with him, had so much Command of themselves, as to abstain from returning Violence, the immediate Consequence would have been the Loss of abundance of Lives upon the Spot, besides what it might have occasion'd afterwards; yet that Gentleman could never have Justice done him, when the Matter was laid before the late Council of *Scotland*, the Influence of a certain Person, who was then one of the *Scotch* Se———es of S—te, and is still possess'd of other Great Posts, was such there.

Country-m. Then I don't wonder, Master, that the *French* King and the Pretender were sanguine enough last Year, and flatter themselves with Hopes still of succeeding in an Invasion on that Country, while the *Rehearser*'s Church Blood beats so high there; for I perceive, what the Letters we mention'd last says, is true, that the Parishes where those *Jacobite* Intruders reside, are Rendezvouses of the St. *Germains* Party; and that 'tis high Time Care should be taken, that the Garrisons and Troops in that Country should be put in a better Condition, than we heard they were in at the Time of the late intended Invasion; that a strict Enquiry should be made in what Hands the Commissions of the Peace, Lieutenancy, and Sheriffs, are lodg'd; that such Places as are capable of it in the *North* of *Scotland*, should be well garrison'd and fortify'd; and that the Revolution Party there, should not be suffer'd to be worry'd, brow-beaten, and hector'd, by Men of High-Church Blood, who, in Contempt of the Protestant Succession, and of that illustrious Family, call their House Dogs by the Name of *Hannover*. But pray, Master, let's adjourn this Subject to another Time, and give me your Opinion of the *Rehearser*'s Slander upon the Church of *England*, as if there were not one of 'em who has a Drachm of Church Blood, but is of arbitrary Principles.

Obs. The universal Concurrence of those who are call'd by that venerable Name, with the late happy Revolution, countenanc'd by her Majesty, who is now the glorious civil Head of that Great and Noble Body of Protestants, would have restrain'd any Man of less Assurance than the *Rehearser*, from publishing such a notorious Untruth. His *Homilies* and Act of Uniformity, *&c.* will never amount to a Proof of that abominable Slander; otherwise he makes the Church of *England* indeed to *have rous'd up Nature against Principle*, and to be the most scandalous Hypocrites in the World; but their Concurrence with the Revolution, as above-mention'd, is a plain Proof, that they never understood Passive-Obedience in his Sense, but in the common Sense of all Protestants; which is, *That 'tis unlawful, on any Pretence whatsoever, to take Arms against a Prince, or those commission'd by him, when acting according to Law.* The very Parliament who made that Act, sufficiently explain'd their Meaning by it, when they impeach'd King *Charles* the II's Ministers, particularly his Lord Treasurer, for endeavouring to possess him with the *Rehearser*'s Principles; and 'tis well enough known what noble Opposition was made in the House of Lords, when the Court endeavour'd to have brought in a new Test, that would have given Passive-Obedience as extensive a Meaning, as the *Rehearser* and his Faction would put upon it. Besides, *Roger*, we have said again and again, that the Church of *England* did not understand it in that Sense, as appears by their granting Money to Queen *Elizabeth*, *&c.* to support the Protestants of *Scotland*, *France*, and the *Netherlands*, when they took Arms against their tyrannical Princes; and their taking the Oaths to the late King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and her present Majesty, who were brought to the Throne by the Revolution, tho' every Body knows the late King *James* never intended they should, by any Means whatever, is a plain Demonstration, that they abhor the *Rehearser*'s Sense of that Doctrine, tho' the virulent and slanderous Libeller has taken a great deal of Pains to possess the World with another Opinion of our Church-men; for which, if there be any of them who approve, commend, and pay him, 'tis high Time they should be purg'd out both of Church and State by some Test or other. But that must be left to the Wisdom of our Superiors, *Roger*.

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